

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CONGRATULATING OLYMPIC
MEDALIST DANNY KASS

HON. MARGE ROUKEMA

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 5, 2002

Mrs. ROUKEMA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Danny Kass, a great American Olympian from Hamburg, New Jersey. Danny thrilled America by winning a silver medal in the men's snowboarding halfpipe at the 2002 Winter Games in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Danny, the youngest member of the 2002 U.S. Olympic Men's Snowboarding Team, began his career on the slopes of Mountain Creek Ski Resort in Vernon, New Jersey, and continues to hold on to his New Jersey roots. He has made all of us so proud.

Danny's outstanding skill at the age of 19 is truly amazing. His talent was showcased for the entire world in Salt Lake this month. And although we may not all understand the intricacies of scoring the halfpipe competition, I think we can all agree that after watching Danny ride on Monday, February 11th, we knew we had seen a medal-winning performance. Sure enough, Danny was awarded the silver medal as he joined his two American teammates on the podium for a rare American sweep.

The exuberance of our American medalists was contagious. The country felt their excitement that day, and had a glimpse of how it feels to be rewarded for excelling at a sport you love. Danny Kass just couldn't stop smiling and the crowd just couldn't stop cheering.

Although this was not Danny's first win in a snowboarding competition, I'm sure it will be a memorable one for him. Since he began snowboarding in Vernon, New Jersey, and competing on the slopes of Vermont, Danny has claimed titles in several impressive events, such as the Overall Men's U.S. Grand Prix Halfpipe, the X-Games Halfpipe and the U.S. Olympic Halfpipe.

This weekend, we congratulate Danny on the New Jersey slopes where he first learned to snowboard. The Mountain Creek Ski Resort in Vernon will host a "Specialty Sport Pro/Am Halfpipe Jam" to honor Danny.

Through his dedication and pure love of the sport of snowboarding, Danny has earned the Olympic silver medal and the respect of his peers and fellow countrymen.

I urge my Colleagues to extend to Danny Kass warm wishes and congratulations. On behalf of our State of New Jersey, I extend to Danny our thanks for representing us so well in Salt Lake.

INTRODUCTION OF THE KEEPING
CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SAFE
ACT OF 2002

HON. PETER HOEKSTRA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 5, 2002

Mr. HOEKSTRA. Mr. Speaker, today I am pleased to introduce the "Keeping Children and Families Safe Act of 2002" to reauthorize the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA), the Adoption Opportunities program, the Abandoned Infants Act, and the Family Violence Prevention and Treatment Act (FVPSA).

According to recent statistics, almost 3 million reports of possible child maltreatment were made to child welfare agencies in 1999. Approximately 60 percent of these reports were investigated and 826,000 children were estimated to have been victims of abuse or neglect in 1999.

While the overall number represents a continuation of a downward trend since 1993, the long-term trend in child abuse reporting has been one of substantial growth, with the number of maltreatment reports more than quadrupling since 1976. However, it should be noted that increased reporting of abuse and neglect does not necessarily mean an equivalent increase in substantiated cases of abuse and neglect. While the proportion of child maltreatment reports that are substantiated has grown smaller over time, the number of reported child abuse cases is likely higher due to improved surveillance mechanisms. Despite progress made in promoting child abuse awareness and the endless efforts made to prevent child abuse and neglect, much more work is needed.

In addition, family violence continues to be the most common, yet least reported crime in our nation. Approximately 95 percent of family violence victims are women, and it is estimated that every 11 seconds a woman is battered in the United States. It is also estimated that 70 percent of men who abuse their wives also abuse their children, and children from abusive homes are at greater risk of alcohol or drug abuse and juvenile delinquency.

Mr. Speaker, the Keeping Children and Families Safe Act of 2002 continues to provide important federal resources for identifying and addressing the issues of child abuse and neglect and family violence, and to support effective methods of prevention and treatment. It also continues local projects with demonstrated value in eliminating barriers to permanent adoption and addressing the circumstances that often lead to infant abandonment.

This legislation emphasizes the prevention of child abuse and neglect and family violence before it occurs. It promotes partnerships between child protective services and private and community-based organizations to ensure that services are more effectively provided, and supports public education on child abuse

and neglect by strengthening the public's understanding of the role of child protective services and appropriate methods for public reporting of suspected incidents of child maltreatment.

This legislation also fosters cooperation between parents and child protective services workers by requiring case workers to inform parents of the their rights and the allegations made against them. Further, this legislation is designed to improve the training, recruitment and retention of individuals providing services to children and ensures the appropriate supervision of these individuals.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to back this important legislation that supports improved services for children and families.

ON THE INTRODUCTION OF THE
"INSIDER STOCK SALES EM-
PLOYEE NOTIFICATION ACT"

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 5, 2002

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise for the purpose of introducing the "Insider Stock Sales Employee Notification Act," a measure that will require company executives who sell stock to immediately notify the company pension plan officials. The bill would allow all employees to be given early warning in cases where executives begin dumping company stock.

Unfortunately, the Enron and Global Crossing scandals have shown us that employee retirement savings are vulnerable to misconduct and abuse by company officials. In the past few months we have learned that Enron and Global Crossing executives sold millions of dollars worth of company stock while encouraging employees to keep company stock in their retirement accounts, and prohibiting some employees from selling their company matched 401(k) shares.

Employer-sponsor investment rules are rigged against employees. Companies often have one set of rules for executives—which permit windfall profits from sales of stock without restriction—and another for rank-and file employees, whose freedom to rescue their savings by selling company matched stock is often restricted by employers.

Last week, the Wall Street Journal published two shocking stories that further document the inequities that employees endure when companies confront huge losses: loyal employees see their 401(k)'s evaporate while executives continue to pocket vast fortunes. As the Journal reported:

"... [T]op executives at many companies, including Enron, Lucent, Global Crossing, Kmart and WorldCom have seemed intent on preserving their lush compensation even as their companies flounder and their employees lost jobs, severance, medical benefits and retirement savings."

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Also, last week the Los Angeles Times reported that "Global Crossing workers lost about \$250 million between 1999 and 2001 when the value of the company stock in "their 401(k) accounts tumbled," and that while the company "cut off severance pay to thousands of laid-off workers when it filed for bankruptcy . . . in the preceding months [it] forgave loans and made \$15 million in lump-sum pension payments to certain executives."

I am inserting complete copies of these articles in the RECORD today.

Pension reform must provide equity to employees. Employees have a right to know when their executives are dumping company stock. They should then be able to make an informed decision as to whether they want to sell any of their own company stock in their retirement accounts. They should be able to receive accurate financial information about their company. They should have a right to have equal representation on the pension administrative committee. They should have the right to sell company-matched stock after only one year. And they should certainly be assured that when company officials breach their trust, the will be held fully accountable for their actions.

I urge the members to join me in sponsoring this new measure, and the Employee Pension Freedom Act (H.R. 3657) that I introduced earlier this year.

[From the LA Times, Feb. 27, 2002]

EX-EMPLOYEES QUESTIONED ON 401(K) PLAN
(By Liz Pulliam Weston)

The Labor Department is questioning former Global Crossing Ltd., workers about the bankrupt company's 401(k) retirement plan, apparently to determine if any pension laws were broken.

Former Global Crossing employees said this week they have been contacted by Labor Department investigators, who asked for copies of documents distributed to workers describing the company's 401(k) plan and its features.

The investigators "said that they were opening an investigation into Global Crossing's 401(k) program and [were] very interested in any additional information that they could glean from any present or former employee," said one former employee, who asked not to be identified.

Global Crossing workers lost about \$250 million between 1999 and 2001 when the value of the company stock in their 401(k) accounts tumbled from a peak of \$64 to 30 cents before the company filed the fifth-largest bankruptcy in U.S. history Jan. 28.

A Global Crossing spokeswoman said the company had been contacted by Labor Department investigators and was cooperating.

"Our [attorneys] will work to provide all necessary information and answer any questions [investigators] may have," said spokeswoman Janis Burenga.

The Labor Department routinely examines the retirement plans of companies that have filed for bankruptcy to make sure employees' retirement money is safe and being properly distributed as companies reorganize, said department spokeswoman Gloria Della. Della would neither confirm nor deny that such an investigation was taking place at Global Crossing.

The telecom giant, which is based in Bermuda and has executive offices in Beverly Hills, is under investigation by the Securities and Exchange Commission and the FBI for its accounting methods. In addition, members of Congress have demanded investigations into the company's retirement

plans, and employees have sued over losses in their 401(k) accounts.

Global Crossing employees said labor investigators also questioned them about the company's severance packages. Global Crossing cut off severance pay to thousands of laid-off workers when it filed for bankruptcy, but in the preceding months forgave loans and made \$15 million in lump-sum pension payments to certain executives.

Regulators simply may be making sure employee contributions were deposited into the 401(k) plan, said Los Angeles pension lawyer Alex Brucker. Troubled companies sometimes illegally use 401(k) contributions to pay bills, although such behavior is far more common at small, private companies than at large, publicly traded firms, pension lawyers said.

Global Crossing spokeswoman Tisha Kresler said all employee contributions have been properly deposited in the plan.

Labor investigators also may be probing whether employees were advised of the risks of investing in company stock, which at one point made up more than half the 401(k) plan's assets, pension experts said.

Rep. George Miller (D-Martinez) asked the Labor Department last week to determine whether any of the trustees of Global Crossing's savings plan were aware of the company's financial problems and what steps the trustees took, if any, to protect employees.

Miller also plans to introduce a bill today that would require executives who sell company stock to alert company employees and pension officials within 24 hours.

Rep. Louise McIntosh Slaughter (D-N.Y.) has requested a congressional inquiry into Global Crossing's decision to freeze workers' 401(k) accounts for a month before the bankruptcy.

This legal but controversial practice, known as a lockdown, was used by both Global Crossing and bankrupt energy trader Enron Corp. when the companies switched plan administrators.

Several lawmakers have introduced bills that would limit how long lockdowns can last.

Global Crossing's stock already had lost 99% of its value by the time its lockdown began Dec. 14. Global Crossing's 401(k) plan was typical for a large firm, offering a range of investment options including stock and bond mutual funds as well as company stock.

Both firms matched their employees' contributions only with shares of company stock, however, and placed restrictions on workers' ability to sell those shares. Consumer and pension rights advocates say such restrictions—also not uncommon among employers—prevented many employees from diversifying their accounts.

In December, Global Crossing lifted restrictions on employees' ability to sell company shares in their 401(k)—long after most of the shares' value had disappeared. Even then, many employees did not sell their shares, saying they were told by executives that the stock price would recover.

Postal Service since 1967, when he began as a part time flexible clerk. After joining the American Postal Union, he held numerous trusted positions in the union. In 1980 he became the president of the Portland Maine Local, and has remained in that position for the last 22 years.

Wayne was born in Portland on March 29, 1943. He was the eldest son of four boys and one girl of John Poland, Jr. and Phyllis Pauline Woods Poland. Wayne grew up Portland, and attended my alma mater, Deering High School.

I had the pleasure of working closely with Wayne during a difficult time for the Portland postal workers, when plans were being discussed for the relocation of the principal mail facility in the region. Thanks in large part to his able leadership, we were able to resolve the issue, ensuring that the hundreds of postal workers working at the facility would not have to relocate or leave their jobs.

Throughout his tenure, Wayne worked hard and effectively to serve the needs of both workers and the Postal Service. He earned the respect of all who worked with him, and he will be sorely missed.

IN TRIBUTE TO JOSEPH NAVAS,
PORT AUTHORITY OFFICER

HON. MARGE ROUKEMA

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 5, 2002

Mrs. ROUKEMA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to pay tribute to one of New Jersey's finest—Joseph Navas of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. A resident of Paramus, New Jersey, Joseph Navas died valiantly trying to save lives during the September 11 terrorist attack on the World Trade Center. Joseph was not only a dedicated veteran police officer for the Port Authority, but also a devoted and loving father and husband. And although he may have been taken early from this life, his children will grow up knowing that their father was a hero to his family, and now a hero to his country. I am proud to pay tribute to this courageous American hero.

As forces of terror tried to extinguish the light of our nation on September 11, the heroes in our midst shined brighter than ever. For some, we know what heroic endeavors were undertaken as we hear stories from cell phones, emails, and survivors. And then there are those whose story was not told, yet we know—because of the people they were—it was a selfless courageous story. We know this because these men and women were heroes before they even entered the World Trade Center Towers to begin their rescue missions. Officer Navas was one of those people.

That Tuesday, his work and courage brought him into the lobbies of the World Trade Center as people flooded onto the streets. He was one of the men and women who ran up the stairs while instructing people to immediately get down those same stairs and outside. He was one who orchestrated safe escapes for those in the towers, while remaining in those very buildings to get people out. His efforts will never be forgotten, especially by those who were saved.

WAYNE R. POLAND HONORED

HON. THOMAS H. ALLEN

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 5, 2002

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, in April, 2002, Wayne R. Poland will retire from the United States Postal Service and from his position as the local president of the Portland Maine Area Local #451 of the American Postal Workers Union. He has served with distinction in the

Someday we may hear the story of the lives Officer Navas saved or the comfort he provided. But for now, we can be proud: proud of the job he was doing, proud of the heroism he showed on that day, and proud of the courage he has always shown.

To his family, stories of Joseph's heroism are nothing new. A 1985 graduate of the Port Authority Police Academy, Joseph joined the Port Authority's Emergency Services Unit at Journal Square several years ago. Since then, he has rappelled off of buildings, waded through floods in search of victims, and trained for rescue diving. Officer Navas was at the World Trade Center for the first bombing in 1993 where he participated in the rescue. Recently, he saved a person prepared to jump from the George Washington Bridge. Joseph never mentioned the dramatic rescue to his family. They read about it later in the local paper.

His focus wasn't on bragging about his success. For him, it was simply part of the job. Joseph's focus was on his family—his wife of 15 years, Karen, and his children, Jessica, Joey, and Justin.

I cannot say I knew him personally—so I will not presume to elaborate on his life and times. That is for his family and friends, and we will not only hear stories of Joseph in years to come, but I believe we will also see him in the actions of his loved ones, as his spirit lives on.

Joseph has the admiration and thanks of an entire nation. His family can be assured that this nation will never forget the atrocities of September 11th or the values for which Joseph died.

Our country has come together. And we now come together to tell Joseph's family they are not alone. America stands with them—now in their hour of grief, and in the days and years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Port Authority Officer Joseph Navas for his achievements in life and the legacy he leaves. Let us never forget him—a true American hero.

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE
EDWIN H. MAY, JR.

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 5, 2002

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to Edwin H. May, Jr., of Connecticut who died February 20, 2002, at the age of 77. Mr. May represented Connecticut's First Congressional District in the 85th Congress and was a valued public servant for the State of Connecticut.

Mr. May will long be remembered for his commitment to Connecticut. As President of the Greater Hartford Jaycees, the Connecticut State Jaycees, and co-founder of the Greater Hartford Open (GHO) in 1952, his leadership and devotion to the community has distinguished him among his peers.

Throughout his life, Mr. May was intensely devoted to his family, to Connecticut, and to his country. He attended Wesleyan University, where he was an Olin Scholar and a member of the Chi Psi fraternity. Mr. May left Wesleyan in his freshman year, however, to enlist in the

U.S. Army Air Corps and became a P-38 fighter pilot in California. After the war ended, he returned to Wesleyan to graduate with a B.A. in Government.

In 1956, Mr. May was elected to a single term in the U.S. House of Representatives. After leaving office, he was chosen as the Connecticut State Republican Party Chairman. He was also a member of the American Legion Boume-Keeney Post 23 in Wethersfield, Connecticut and a member of the Hartford Rotary Club.

Former Congressman May was an exemplary public servant and a model citizen. He will be greatly missed by the nation, the State of Connecticut, his family, and all who knew him.

IN MEMORY OF ED MARTIN OF
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE,
FRIEND AND BELOVED BASKET-
BALL COACH

HON. BOB CLEMENT

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 5, 2002

Mr. CLEMENT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of a friend and former Tennessee State University (TSU) head basketball coach Ed Martin, who passed away on Monday, February 25, 2002.

Known for his compassion by all who knew him, Coach Martin shaped and molded many young lives and numerous championship teams over 17 seasons coaching men's basketball at TSU. His impressive 290–169 overall record began in 1968.

After a successful run at TSU, Vanderbilt's C.M. Newton hired Martin as assistant coach at Vanderbilt University. He coached there for four seasons and guided the early careers of such notable players as Will Perdue and Jeff Turner of Vanderbilt, along with Leonard Turner and Lloyd Neal from TSU. Ultimately, 16 players under his supervision went on to careers in the National Basketball Association (NBA).

A native of Allentown, Pennsylvania, Martin participated in baseball while a student at North Carolina AT&T. He then went on to play in the Negro baseball leagues and the Cincinnati Reds franchise before an injury drove him to consider coaching basketball. He also served in the U.S. Navy as a young adult. Quickly making a name for himself, Martin won two South Carolina state high school championships at Avery High School in Charleston, and then began coaching at South Carolina State University. In 13 seasons at South Carolina State, he garnered a 214–87 record before moving to TSU and becoming one of the best-loved coaches in Nashville.

In 1972, he led the Tigers to the United Press International (UPI) College Division National Title, and was subsequently named Coach of the Year. His colleagues continued to recognize him throughout his career and into his retirement. Additionally, his name is recorded in the Halls of Fame at North Carolina AT&T, South Carolina State, TSU, and the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame.

Although Martin's athletic expertise was always evident, he was just as revered for his kindness, wisdom, friendship, guidance, and encouragement to those who were fortunate

enough to walk alongside of him. He recognized athletic ability, as well as human value and worth, and pointed his players toward lasting goals.

I extend my sympathy to the Martin family including his wife Ruth, and children Arnetta and Eddie. May they be comforted by the precious memories of their beloved husband and father.

TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM P. NAULTY

HON. JIM SAXTON

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 5, 2002

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a good friend, William P. Naulty, who is retiring March 14, 2002 after 20 years service to the good citizens of Burlington County.

In the early 1980s, when I served in the New Jersey Assembly and Senate, Bill acted as my press secretary, utilizing his knowledge not only of the working press, but of the legislative process. He was a true asset to my staff, good natured, well-liked and loyal.

More recently, as Chief Legislative Aide to Eighth District Senator C. William Haines, Assemblymen Harold Colbum and Francis Bodine he monitored all policy put forth by the legislators. Continuing to serve in that capacity for Senator Martha Bark, and Assemblymen Bodine and Larry Chatzidakis, Bill has also been responsible for press inquiries and constituent service. In our state's capital, he is considered "dean" of legislative aides, displaying a working knowledge of major issues facing the people of the Eighth District and New Jersey as a whole.

Prior to his legislative duties, Bill worked for more than 27 years as a reporter, rewriter and make-up editor with the Philadelphia Bulletin, a daily paper which ceased operation in 1982. He covered the New Jersey beat, reporting on local, county, state and national politics and government. He made the transition, from newspaper reporter to legislative aide extraordinaire seamlessly, earning the respect of not only legislators, but constituents as well.

Honorably discharged from the United States Army, Bill has devoted many years to the community, both through his work with the press, and also with the legislative district he has served so faithfully for so many years. He is highly respected by people on both sides of the aisle, by the press, by those in business and industry, and most important, by the people.

It has been a pleasure working with Bill Naulty through the years as we have served our mutual constituents. May his retirement with his wife, Marie, and children be as fulfilling as his years of service have been rewarding.

HONORING ROMAN, DON AND GLORIA REED FOR THEIR EFFORTS TO FUND SPINAL CORD INJURY RESEARCH

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 5, 2002

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to take this opportunity to share with my colleagues the achievements of a remarkable family in my district.

Roman Reed was a star college football player until he was paralyzed by a game injury that broke his neck. Such an injury would devastate most families, but not the Reeds. Roman's father, Don, began tirelessly searching for cures for his son's injuries. Don learned that, while research is moving closer and closer to a cure, insufficient funding is slowing our chances for success.

Roman's parents, Don and Gloria Reed, have become tireless advocates for spinal cord research. They gathered other concerned citizens and founded "Californians for a Cure," a campaign to raise funds for spinal cord injury research. Car accidents are the leading cause of spinal cord injury. Recognizing that, they sought state legislation to dedicate a portion of the state revenues collected from speeding tickets to spinal cord research.

The Reed's State Assemblyman, John Dutra, took up their cause for spinal cord research in the State Legislature. In September 2000, after three years of tremendous work, Governor Gray Davis signed the Roman Reed bill into law. For five years, this law will provide \$1 million annually for spinal cord research in California.

Last Friday, March 1, the Roman Reed Laboratory for Spinal Cord Injury Research was dedicated at the University of California, Irvine. This laboratory was created through some of the funds made possible by the Roman Reed Bill. The Roman Reed Laboratory has a simple, important vision: to create a setting where scientists can rapidly translate ideas into research. Furthermore, the laboratory hopes to make it possible for any scientist with a compelling idea to immediately undertake research and experiments. The new core laboratory will help fast-track spinal cord injury research and speed up our chances of finding successful treatments to these devastating injuries.

Today, Roman has regained the use of his arms and is a proud father himself. His parents still tirelessly push for greater strides in spinal cord injury research. Most recently, I've heard from Don Reed regarding his fight to oppose new federal limitations on stem cell research. Stem cells may well be one of the answers to fighting paralysis. Don is taking his fight from California to Washington to make sure that roadblocks are not put in the way of vitally needed research.

I commend the entire Reed family for their dedication to finding a cure for spinal cord injuries—not only for their son—but for everyone who suffers from these devastating injuries. I am honored to know the Reeds, am proud to represent them in the U.S. Congress, and I am pleased to help them in this important cause.

TRIBUTE TO BISHOP WILLIAM L. JORDAN

HON. ROD R. BLAGOJEVICH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 5, 2002

Mr. BLAGOJEVICH. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor for me to rise today to pay tribute to the Honorable Bishop William L. Jordan, Pastor of St. Mark Baptist Church in Harvey, Illinois. Since 1976, God, through him, has made and continues to make a difference in many lives. Under his leadership and vision, St. Mark's membership has grown to over seven thousand. He preaches two Sunday services each week. St. Mark operates several community based programs, a medical center and a community center. Over twenty-six years of untiring service, faithful dedication to the community and strong leadership have earned him the deserved respect and admiration of all whose lives he has touched.

Bishop Jordan has been instrumental in shaping the future of the community, state and country. I applaud his leadership and commend him for toiling so long to provide the type of guidance which has empowered so many to make meaningful contributions to the community. His accomplishments are far too numerous to list but I applaud him for each and every one of them and for having the dream and desire to use his faith as a vehicle to effect social, political and economic change. He is a true testament to his faith and an asset to our country. I commend Bishop William Jordan and wish him many more years of exemplary service to the Lord.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN BULAGA, JR., JEREMY GLICK, DEEPA PAKKALA, BRUCE REYNOLDS, JOSEPH VILARDO

HON. MARGE ROUKEMA

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 5, 2002

Mrs. ROUKEMA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to five outstanding individuals who were killed in the attacks on our nation on September 11th. For the past four months, we have heard and read the stories of countless family members, neighbors and friends who went to work on September 11th and never came home. I ask that the names of five of these men and women be kept in our nation's CONGRESSIONAL RECORD—commemorating them as true American heroes.

Our northern New Jersey communities have been particularly hard-hit. We all know someone who was lost. Their stories are heart-wrenching, nearly unbearable in their sadness. Today, in northern New Jersey, families will gather to celebrate the strong and proud American spirits of five individuals taken from our community. ClearChannel Communications will also be present with the United Way to present the families of the victims with a donation. I thank everyone who will be taking part in this for their support and compassion for those who have lost a loved one.

I have spoken to many families in my own attempt to bring them some consolation. Even though there are no words to relieve their an-

guish, I told each family that they should take comfort in the knowledge they are in the hearts and prayers of an entire nation. They are truly American heroes.

Just as I have come to know the nearly 100 residents of my Congressional District who never came home on September 11, I have come to know John Bulaga, Jr., Jeremy Glick, Bruce Reynolds, Deepa Pakkala, and Joseph Vilardo.

John Bulaga, Jr. was a man who loved planning for the future. John and his wife Michelle were within days of closing on a house for a future in Haskell when he was killed while working for eSpeed, with Cantor Fitzgerald. John focused a career on preparing for the future of technology and the internet. His wife finished some of the family's plans for the future, as she recently finished the closing of the house and will move there shortly with their two children, Rhiannon and Alannah.

Jeremy Glick was one of the heroes aboard the fated United Flight 93 that crashed in Pennsylvania. Before Jeremy and other passengers decided to attack the hijackers, Jeremy was able to call his wife, Lizbeth, providing important details about the terrorists' actions over his cell phone and telling Lizbeth how much he loved her. Jeremy's newborn daughter Emerson will grow up hearing of her father's brave actions.

Deepa Pakkala never wanted to call it a day. Determined to not only succeed but excel, Deepa worked long hours in order to provide for her family. A young mother who had just begun working for Oracle Corporation, Deepa was with a client in the World Trade Center on September 11th. Last January, Deepa gave birth to a healthy baby girl, Trisha. The two months she took to spend with her daughter was the only time she has ever slowed down, according to her husband of ten years.

Bruce Reynolds was last seen helping a woman with burns in the south World Trade Center tower. Bruce's father recalls that ever since Bruce was young, he knew he wanted to be a police officer to help people. He became a Port Authority Police Officer in June of 1986. Through his service and bravery, not only did his dream come true, but he has also saved people's lives and therefore made others' dreams possible. From the way people talk about Officer Bruce Reynolds, you can tell he was a truly special husband, father, son and fellow officer. Bruce's children, Brianna and Michael, can be very proud of their father.

Joseph Vilardo loved his family more than anything. Joseph, a Senior Vice President with Cantor Fitzgerald, lived with his wife and children in Stanhope, nearby his parents and three sisters. According to his many friends, Joseph was a well-loved and well-respected individual. Regardless of how much work was required of him, Joseph always made time for his wife Patricia and their two children, Nicole and Matthew. Nicole and Matthew will have many memories of their father's love for them.

These individuals have the admiration and thanks of an entire nation. Their families can be assured that this nation will never forget the atrocities of September 11th or the values for which they died. Out of this tragedy, our nation has emerged stronger and prouder than ever. And we now come together to tell these families they are not alone. America stands with them—now in their hour of grief, and in the days and years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in commemorating the lives of these noble Americans. May God bless these men and women, and those that are gathered today in their memory. And God bless America.

**A BILL TO EXEMPT THE LST-325
FROM U.S. COAST GUARD IN-
SPECTIONS**

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 5, 2002

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce legislation which will assist in the preservation and promotion of the LST-325, a symbol of American heroism and patriotism.

The LST-325 is a unique ship that needs and warrants special attention. LSTs (Landing Ship Tanks) were produced by the hundreds in the Second World War, but only a few are left today. Thousands of men served on them in the critical North Africa, Italian, and Normandy invasions. The brave young men who served on the LST-325 and its sister ships are now in the golden years of their lives, and they are spearheading this campaign to restore the LST-325 to its original glory.

Many may remember that the LST-325 was brought back to the United States last year by a group of retired veterans. Against the odds, these veterans sailed the LST-325 from Greece to Mobile, Alabama, facing fierce opposition from the seas and the weather—not to mention the bureaucracies of various nations. They overcame these hardships and succeeded magnificently. I am pleased to share with you that the average age of the crew was seventy-two years old.

Now the task is to restore the ship to create a living memorial and serve as a testament to our history and the bravery of the men who served on LSTs. My bill would specifically exempt the LST-325—like similar special category vessels such as the steamship *John W. Brown* in Baltimore, Maryland, the steamship *Lane Victory* in San Pedro, California, and the steamship *Jeremiah O'Brien*—from certain current Coast Guard technical and legal requirements (USC Title 46, Subsection 3302, subpart (I)(1)(A), (B), and (C).) These regulations apply today's laws to yesterday's ships. They only impede restoration efforts of the ship, and raise costs unnecessarily without any benefit to the ship.

This is problematic because the LST-325 is to be used strictly as a not-for-profit, historical attraction. The objective is to restore the LST-325 to its original condition so that it may tour the nation as a historical vessel to educate Americans about the role these vessels played in WWII, the Korean Conflict, and the Vietnam War. In addition, the LST-125 would serve as a monument to memorialize similar ships during the Second World War, and all those who served and died on them.

Mr. Speaker, let us honor the "Greatest Generation" and America with the restoration and memorialization of LST-325. There is clear precedent—and we are only asking to include the LST-325 to this short list of distinguished historical ships. I believe that by adding the LST-325 to this category, we would be appropriately honoring the vessel and her crew, and preserving America's history.

**RECOGNIZING THE 150TH ANNIVER-
SARY OF BORDENTOWN TOWN-
SHIP**

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 5, 2002

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to call attention to the 150th Anniversary of the creation of Bordentown Township by the New Jersey State Legislature. Throughout all of my 21-year tenure in Congress, I have had the privilege of representing the residents of Bordentown Township, here in the United States House of Representatives.

I believe that it is fitting and proper for a community that has a long and rich tradition like Bordentown Township to periodically celebrate its history with its current residents, so that community awareness and cooperation are deepened. To understand where you are, you must first understand where you've been.

Throughout its long history, Bordentown Township has been forced to grapple with the challenges of growth, due its desirable location along the Delaware River and its well-deserved reputation as a good place to live and raise a family. Consequently, there has been a sense of commitment among Township residents about the need to create and preserve parks, recreational areas, and open spaces, in order to uphold the character of the township.

From the earliest beginnings of Bordentown, its residents have been civic-minded. Indeed, the creation of Bordentown Borough in 1825 was prompted by the growth of population in the village of Bordentown, and calls for a more representative government. When residents decided that they wanted to have a greater say on their own schools and a separate polling district, they successfully petitioned the State of New Jersey to amend its Borough Charter in 1849.

However, the arrangement of 1849 generated much dissatisfaction because the interests of the rural Chesterfield section of the borough, and the more urban Bordentown section, were mutually incompatible. In 1852 the New Jersey Legislature divided Bordentown and Chesterfield (a more rural neighbor) into two separate communities. A similar division was conducted in 1902, when the City of Bordentown, and Bordentown Township, were separated.

The first meetings of the Bordentown Township Committee were held in an unheated shed. Later, the meetings were held in a private home when it became too cold to hold them in the shed. In 1903 Township Hall was built on Cemetery Lane.

While things are much different in Bordentown Township today, the same spirit of service and willingness to make personal sacrifices for the benefit of local residents still exists in Bordentown's elected leaders. I know, because I am friends with, and work with, many of them. For instance, the current mayor of Bordentown Township, Mark Roselli, once served as my Legislative Director, Campaign Manager, and Policy Advisor.

In addition, the Director of my Burlington/Mercer Constituent Service Center, Joyce Golden, has been a proud resident of Bordentown Township for 22 years. She currently serves on the Township's County Committee, and has often told me that she and her

husband, Marty, would not want to raise their family in any other community. Joyce and Marty are especially proud that their children have chosen to continue to live and work in Bordentown Township. Their daughter and her family have built a home in Bordentown Township, and their son serves the community as a career Firefighter/EMT for Fire District #2.

Mr. Speaker, I once again congratulate the people of Bordentown Township for preserving a community with a high quality-of-life for 150 years.

**A TRIBUTE TO RUBEN S. AYALA
FOR A LIFETIME OF PUBLIC
SERVICE**

HON. JERRY LEWIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 5, 2002

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I would like today to pay tribute to Ruben S. Ayala, whose 45 years in elective office in California made him one of the most respected and influential political voices from San Bernardino County. Mr. Ayala, who is celebrating his 80th birthday this month, is still serving the people of California as a member of the state Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board.

Mr. Ayala began his career in politics in the same way that I and many of my colleagues became involved—as a member of the local board of education. He was elected to the Chino School Board in 1955, and he has been active in education issues throughout his career. In 1962, he was elected as a Chino City Councilman, and became the city's first elected mayor in 1964. He joined the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors in 1966 and was chairman from 1968 to 1972. In 1974, he won a special election for State Senate, and served in that body until he retired in 1998.

I was privileged to serve in the Legislature for four years with Ruben Ayala, and found him to be a forceful advocate for the state's school children and a proud proponent of San Bernardino County. After I came to Congress, I always knew State Sen. Ayala could be counted on to work hard for the benefit and improvement of our county. We have watched it grow and mature in many ways over the years, and Ruben Ayala deserves great credit for helping foster the county's economic expansion.

The first Mexican-American to be elected to the State Senate in the 20th Century, Ruben Ayala was almost better known for his U.S. Marine Corps service and the Marine-like attitude he brought to the Legislature. When he became involved with an issue, he took action and was tenacious in pushing through legislation or demanding a response from state agencies. As chairman of the Agriculture and Water Resources Committee, he was one of the most forceful voices on water policy in California—a topic that often defines the state's political and economic agenda. He was also a primary sponsor of the legislation creating the California Conservation Corps, a very successful program that helped many cities complete parks and public works projects.

Mr. Speaker, the quality of Mr. Ayala's work, and the esteem that he has garnered, is evident from the fact that two parks, a street and

a high school has been named in his honor. He was named Legislator of the Year in 1986 by the League of California Cities, and received many other awards for his work on behalf of schools, cancer victims and the local economy. I ask you and my colleagues to honor him as well with our congratulations on his 80th birthday, and our best wishes for his continuing work on behalf of Californians.

LADY HAWKS OF CARROLLTON
HIGH SCHOOL

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 5, 2002

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Lady Hawks of Carrollton High School on their recent state basketball championship. The Lady Hawks defeated Augusta Southeastern, 24–20, to win their second consecutive Illinois High School Association Class A State Basketball Championship.

In addition to being crowned state champs, the Carrollton Lady Hawks finished with a record of 34 victories and only 3 losses. This team was able to reel off 24 consecutive wins en route to back-to-back titles. The Lady Hawks gave Carrollton basketball fans a thrill throughout their historic season.

I would like to personally commend the team members and coaches for a job well done. They are: Kresse Peters, Lauren Brannan, Justine Tucker, Alicia DeShasier, Tracy Stumpf, Katie Nolan, Dana Carter, Terra Stumpf, Amber Shelton, Molly Reed, Lisa Grummel, Jena Staples, Nicole Meyer, and Hannah Cunningham. Their coaches are Head Coach Lori Blade and Assistant Coach Donna Farley. I am very proud of you all.

HONORING THE LATE GERALD
SOLOMON

HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 5, 2002

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, October 26, my good friend Gerry Solomon passed away after suffering congestive heart failure. What a great loss for this institution and for the constituents he once served.

Gerry was a Member of this Chamber for 10 terms serving from 1979–1999. Ask anyone who served with him, and they will remember him as an outspoken and tenacious advocate for his views and constituents.

I knew Gerry well and he was second to none in this Chamber. In losing Gerry, we lost a tremendous patriot and committed public servant. He was often referred to by his fellow colleagues as “the Pit Bull of the House.”

And, although he enjoyed his work in Washington and in the International arena, he always said his greatest enjoyment came from successfully helping people back home in his district cope with problems they had with the Federal bureaucracy.

He was very proud of the often repeated comments on the streets back in his district that “you may not always agree with Jerry Solomon, but you sure as hell know where he stands on the issues.” His commuting back home every weekend, catapulted him to reelection usually by overwhelming 3–1 margins during his ten terms in Congress.

During his Congressional career, which spanned 20 years serving in the House of Representatives, Jerry devoted most of his time to the issues of veterans, senior citizens, foreign policy, national defense, the war on drugs, and the budget.

May he always be remembered for the good father and husband that he was, and his relentless efforts to promote pride, patriotism and volunteerism. He proudly and unabashedly showcased his love for his family and his country everyday of his life.

Mr. Speaker, H. Con. Res. 338, a resolution authorizing the printing of a collection of memorial tributes made in honor of the late Gerald Solomon, is a fitting tribute to our late colleague and friend. I rise in strong support of it.

REMEMBERING TOM WHALEN,
FORMER MAYOR OF THE CITY
OF ALBANY

HON. MICHAEL R. McNULTY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 5, 2002

Mr. McNULTY. Mr. Speaker, I am terribly stunned and saddened to learn of the loss of my friend, Tom Whalen. My thoughts and prayers are with his wife, their children, and the entire Whalen family.

Tom served the people of the City of Albany as Mayor for eight years with the utmost devotion and expertise. He led the effort to bring the esteemed designation of “All-America City” to Albany in 1991. In 1986, he spearheaded the restoration of the carillon at City Hall as part of Albany's Tercentennial. That same year, he formed the Community Police Relations Board to help foster relations be-

tween the Albany Police Department and the community. He also played an instrumental role in the development of the Albany-Tula Alliance.

Tom was a highly respected member of the Capital Region community who had a sincere commitment to public service—a sense of hard work and a desire to help others, especially the disadvantaged.

Tom Whalen had a love for God, his family, his community and his beloved Ireland. His loss will be felt and endured by many, and the void in our community—and our hearts—will be difficult to fill.

INTERNET FREEDOM AND
BROADBAND DEPLOYMENT ACT
OF 2001

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2002

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1542) to deregulate the Internet and high speed data services, and for other purposes:

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Chairman, I rise today in opposition to the Tauzin-Dingell Broadband Deployment Act.

My State of Minnesota has been a pioneer in fostering competition in local telephone markets. In 1999, Minnesota implemented a ruling that required our local telephone companies to share not only its copper wires, but also upgraded lines with competitors. Following Minnesota's lead, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) adopted this line-sharing rule, in effect making it law nation-wide for all the surviving Bell companies.

Tauzin-Dingell would eliminate this sensible approach that Minnesota initiated. By excluding competitors from the use of upgraded fiber lines, Tauzin-Dingell will create a new monopoly for the Bells. This would mean fewer choices and poorer service for consumers.

We must not gut the market-opening provisions of the 1996 Telecommunications Act before they have had a chance to take root! It is imperative that we maintain incentives for competition to ensure the best possible services for our constituents.

Free and equal access to information is vital to the strength of our democracy. However, H.R. 1542 is simply not the answer. I urge my colleagues to join me in opposing H.R. 1542.